

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

By this Amendment, and without concession as to the propriety of the outstanding rejection, Claim 11 has been amended to state that the smart card and the terminal are designed to communicate with at least one web server via Internet network, the terminal having a main part and a peripheral part, the peripheral part residing in a tamper-resistant enclosure and including a smart card reader for receiving the smart card wherein the main part of the terminal comprises a first module for enabling the terminal to communicate with the web server by establishing a communication between the first module and the web server. The peripheral part of the terminal comprises a second module connected to the first module for establishing a communication between the peripheral part and the main part in accordance with a peripheral-device-communication protocol via two stacks of open-systems-interconnection players specific to the peripheral-device-communication protocol. The smart card comprises a smart card communication module and a card HTTP server connected via the smart card communication module to the second module. A first intelligent agent is provided in the peripheral part and used as an interface connected to the smart card reader so as to communicate with a second intelligent agent provided in the smart card the first and second intelligent agents enabling a bi-lateral data exchange session between the second module and the smart card communication module.

Ginter is directed toward providing systems for secure transaction management and electronic rights protection. However, Ginter does not teach, suggest or disclose the specific construction of elements recited in amended independent Claim 11. Specifically, Ginter at least fails to teach or suggest a first module in the main part and a second module in the peripheral part that is connected to the first module and also connected to a card HTTP server of a smart card via a smart-card-communication module. Moreover,

independent Claim 11 recites that the smart card includes a card HTTP server connected via the smart-card-communication module to the second module. Thus, as discussed in the exemplary advantages discussed in Applicant's specification, the connection communication can be established between an application residing on the smart card activated through the card server and an application recited on the web server.

In that Ginter is directed toward solving an entirely different problem, and fails to teach or suggest the specific features as recited in amended Claim 11, Ginter fails to anticipate or render obvious independent Claim 11 and the claims that depend therefrom. Based on the above, a prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner still believe that the presented claims are not patentably distinguishable from the Ginter reference, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a Personal Interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2146-907342) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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